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In re the Application of

Keiji KASHIMA

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LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS (As Amended)

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Sir:

I, Keiji KASHIMA, a citizen of Japan, hereby declare and state:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application.

2. Unexpected advantages are achieved by providing a light reflective sheet having a light diffusion reflectivity of 70 or more in the context of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application. Specifically, by providing the haze value of the light diffusing sheet to be 10 or more, and the light diffusion reflectivity of the light reflecting sheet to be 70 or more, light is effectively returned to the side of the lightconductor by reflecting on the interface of the light transmissive sheet from a polarized light state to a non-polarized light state in the polarized beam splitting sheet disclosed in the above-identified application.

3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and

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